

## A SALT LAKE BOOSTER

Catering to a traveling public which is steadily advancing in number, has firmly fastened the conviction on Sam S. Porter, manager of the Kenyon hotel, that Salt Lake is growing by leaps and bounds. Mr. Porter is a consistent Salt Lake booster, and by reason of his association with people from the four points of the compass is in a position to scatter information broadcast concerning the advantages offered by this city.

"I think Salt Lake is doing more business in every line than any other city double the size in the United States," said Mr. Porter yesterday. "This statement is not made without careful consideration. I have just returned from a seven weeks' trip to Omaha, Minneapolis, Chicago and other cities east. During that trip I was not long in ascertaining that Salt Lake has a warm spot in the hearts of many people. Nothing but kindly words were heard everywhere."

"The big wholesale and jobbing interests are especially interested in Salt Lake. They are unanimous in the statement that they get a better proportionate business from their western representatives than from their representatives in any other section of the country. During the past ninety days buying orders have been especially heavy."

"As an illustration of the fact that many new people are being added to the population of this city, I will cite an incident of my house-coming trip. In the Pullman car in which I was quartered there were five persons who were coming to Salt Lake to make their homes. One of these was a doctor accompanied by his wife; another was a mining engineer, a young lady school teacher was the fourth and a man, whose business I did not know, made up the five."

"My trip took me into direct association with the heads of big manufacturing and other business concerns which send representatives to the west. Many of these concerns informed me of the fact that they intend soon to establish branch houses in this city. The primary object of my trip was to study hotel construction, equipment and furnishing, but in addition to gaining the pointers desired I had the opportunity of finding out much



SAMUEL S. PORTER.

other information of interest to the Independent Order of Boosters. "If the increase in the hotel business is any criterion to judge by, Salt Lake is rapidly growing in population and is receiving greater attention than ever before from the great traveling public. During the last year our business has been greater than that of any other two years previous. The December business so far has been greater than that of any December for five years past."

## SUBSTANTIAL GIFT FOR MRS. HARRIS

Commercial Club to Present Her With Home on Christmas Day.

On Christmas morning, Mrs. Fisher S. Harris, widow of the late secretary of the Commercial club, will be presented with the full ownership of the residence at 224 South Thirteenth East street, where Mr. Harris, with his family, made their home for years. The gift comes as a tribute and a memorial from the club and citizens of Utah, for whom Mr. Harris labored so faithfully during his lifetime.

At a special meeting of the board of governors of the Commercial club, held yesterday, the recommendation of the membership committee presented in the form of a resolution, that the club purchase the present home of the family of Mr. Harris and present it to Mrs. Harris as a memorial, was approved and adopted. The fund for the purchase of the home has been contributed by members of the club and citizens at large, and although it is not quite up to the necessary amount the club, through the board of governors, will advance the deficit.

The deeds of transfer will be prepared today, and on Christmas morning a committee of the Commercial club, headed by President W. J. Halloran and Secretary Joseph E. Caine, will call upon Mrs. Harris and deliver to her the complete title to the home.

## TAXICABS ARE COMING

Seven of the "Money-Eaters" Will Be in Use by New Year's.

The taxicab will be an early addition to Salt Lake's modern system of public conveyance. Seven of the "money-eaters" are now on the way from the factory and are expected to be in use by New Year's day.

The Taxicab and Auto company of Salt Lake are sponsors for the taxicabs in the city, and under the placed orders there will be at least twenty-five of the machines in use in Salt Lake before spring. The passenger in the taxicab pays for the actual distance traveled at a schedule rate, and also for the waiting time or the period which he keeps the auto waiting for him. A taximeter, a clock-like arrangement, keeps tab for the passenger and registers the exact amount which he will pay.

The machines ordered for Salt Lake are of an olive green body color with red running gear. They will be attractively upholstered and lighted with electricity and capable of carrying five passengers.

## BOARD APPROVES ACTION

Vacancies in Board of Governors of Commercial Club Are Filled.

The board of governors of the Commercial club yesterday gave its approval to the report of the nominating committee recommending the names of six candidates to fill coming vacancies on the board, and the list is now posted in the club rooms. In January there will be six vacancies occurring on the board, five through expiration of terms, and one through the resignation of Joseph H. Caine, following his appointment to the office of secretary.

The six candidates chosen by the nominating committee are John S. Bransford, present member of the board, to complete the two-year unexpired term of Mr. Caine; Joy H. Johnson, to succeed himself; W. W. Armstrong, George D. Alder, H. Vance Lane and Frank Murphy, to succeed retiring members.

## SALT LAKE LODGES GO TO TOOELE CEREMONIES

Over 100 members of the three Salt Lake lodges of the Knights of Pythias left last night at 6:15 o'clock on a special train for Tooele, where the Salt Lake lodges are to perform the ceremonies of instituting a new lodge.

It is expected that the new lodge will open with about forty charter members. The Salt Lake delegation will return early this morning when the ceremonies are completed.

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that S. W. Craddock and M. E. Kaighn of Salt Lake were awarded first and second prizes, respectively, for giving the best answers to our question, "What would you do if your best friend had a job much better than yours, and your friend's place were offered to you?"

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